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- (a) There is an Assisted Living Programs Board established to:
 - (1) develop statewide policy on assisted living programs;
- (2) coordinate agency responsibility for implementation of policies and programs related to assisted living;
- (3) review and approve policies and regulations governing assisted living programs; and
- (4) establish appropriate interagency agreements relative to assisted living programs.
 - (b) The Board consists of 15 voting members as follows:
 - (1) the Secretary of Health;
 - (2) the Secretary of Human Services;
 - (3) the Secretary of Aging; and
- (4) the following voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate:
 - (i) one representative of the Disability Law Center;
- (ii) one representative of a small program that was certified as a sheltered housing project by the Department of Aging as of December 31, 1995, or could have been certified as a sheltered housing project by the Department of Aging if it had been in existence on December 31, 1995;
- (iii) one representative of a small program that was certified as a care program by the Department of Human Services as of December 31, 1995, or could have been certified as a care program by the Department of Human Services if it had been in existence on December 31, 1995;
- (iv) one representative of a small program that was licensed or registered as a domiciliary care program by the Maryland Department of Health as

of December 31, 1995, or could have been licensed or registered as a domiciliary care program by the Maryland Department of Health if it had been in existence on December 31, 1995;

- (v) four consumer members;
- (vi) one representative of the Assisted Living Facilities Association of America;
- (vii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Homes for the Aging;
- (viii) one representative of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland; and
 - (ix) one representative of the Long-Term Care Association.
- (c) (1) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson of the Board from among the three State agency representatives to the Board.
- (2) (i) The Governor shall appoint the provider and consumer members from the recommendations of organizations representing assisted living program providers and consumers.
- (ii) The Governor is not restricted to these recommendations in appointing members.
- (3) The provider and consumer members shall represent a broad geographic cross section of the State.
- (d) The term of a member who is not a cabinet member or who does not represent the Maryland Disability Law Center or the Department of Aging is 4 years.
- (e) Each member of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations.
 - (f) The Board may establish its own procedures and voting requirements.
- (g) The Departments of Health, Human Services, and Aging shall provide the Board with the necessary staff and support services.

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